

AMENDMENT

In the Specification: Kindly amend paragraphs 19, 20, 30, 32, and 33 in the Specification to correct minor typographical errors as follows. No new matter has been introduced.

[0019] Figure 1 illustrates, in a perspective view, a surround sound system comprising: a surround sound tower 10 being ~~horizontally~~ vertically disposed; a base plate 20 being ~~vertically~~ horizontally disposed; and a structure for positioning 30 the surround sound tower 10 on the base plate 20, the surround sound tower 10 being mounted on, and normal to, the positioning structure 30, wherein the positioning structure 30 may comprise: a structure for indicating an angular rotation 40 of the surround sound tower 10 relative to the base plate 20; and a structure for facilitating rotation 50 of the angular rotation indicating structure 40, wherein the angular rotation indicating structure 40 may comprise a pointer plate 41 having a visible marking 42, e.g., a dial, and wherein the facilitating structure 50 may comprise a plurality of ball bearings 51 (not shown), and wherein the base plate 20 may comprise a plurality of angular indications 22, e.g., reference center points and calibrated angular indications for precisely orienting or positioning the tower, wherein the surround sound tower 10 may comprise at least one feature selected from a group consisting essentially of a center channel speaker 11, and a tweeter module 13, wherein the tweeter module 13 may comprise: a tweeter 13a; and a detachable permeable tweeter housing 13b disposed around the tweeter 13a. The present system may further comprise a binding post 60 (not shown in Figure 1, but shown in Figure 2) disposed at a rear surface of the tower 10 for both electronically and mechanically binding the tower 10 to the positioning structure 30; and may further comprise a structure for indicating a sonic intensity 70, wherein the sonic intensity indicating structure 70 may comprise a light pipe 71, in accordance with the present invention. The present system may further comprise the light pipe ~~70~~ 71 being disposed on a rear side of the tower 10 for producing an aura visual effect when viewed from a front side.

[0020] The surround sound tower 10 may also comprise a grill cloth 80 disposed over the center channel speaker 11, a side trim 90 disposed on the tower 10, a top cap 100 disposed at a top end of the tower 10, and a bottom cap 110 disposed on the pointer plate 41 as shown in Figure 1. The

tweeter module 13, the grill cloth 80, the side trim 90 may each be detachable. Each of the foregoing elements in the present invention may comprise at least one material selected from a group consisting essentially of a polymer, a wood, a metal, an anodized metal, an alloy, and a composite material. Preferably, the base plate 20 comprises a material sufficiently heavy, such as a heavy polymer, a heavy wood (e.g., oak, mahogany, maple), a heavy yet non-toxic metal (e.g., cast or forged iron, cast or forged aluminum), a heavy yet non-toxic anodized metal (e.g., aluminum), a heavy yet non-toxic alloy (e.g., steel, cast steel, forged steel), and a heavy composite material, to support the surround sound tower 10. The light pipe ~~70~~ 71 may also comprise at least one material selected from a group consisting essentially of Plexiglass®, Lexan®, optic fibers, a fluorescent light source, an incandescent light source, and a phosphorescent light source. The plurality of ball bearings 51 (not shown) may also comprise a lubricant. The visible marking 42 may comprise a colored line and/or a dial on the pointer plate 41 being collinear with the user-adjusted angular position indicated on the base plate 20 or a tapered slot disposed in the pointer plate 41 being locked by, and unlocked from, a detent disposed on the base plate 20.

[0030] A surround sound method M, comprises: providing a surround sound tower 10 being vertically disposed; providing a base plate 20 being horizontally disposed; and providing a structure for positioning 30 the surround sound tower 10 on the base plate 20, the surround sound tower 10 being mounted on, and normal to, the positioning structure 30, wherein the positioning structure 30 providing step may comprise: providing a structure for indicating an angular rotation 40 of the surround sound tower 10 relative to the base plate 20; and providing a structure for facilitating rotation 50 of the angular rotation indicating structure 40, wherein the angular rotation indicating structure 40 providing step may comprise providing a pointer plate 41 having a visible marking 42, e.g., a dial, and wherein the facilitating structure 50 providing step may comprise providing a plurality of ball bearings 51 (not shown), and wherein the base plate 20 providing step may comprise providing a plurality of angular indications 21, e.g., reference center points and calibrated angular indications for precisely orienting or positioning the tower, wherein the surround sound tower 10 providing step may comprise providing at least one feature selected from a group consisting essentially of a center channel speaker 11, and a tweeter module 13, wherein the tweeter module 13 providing step may comprise: providing a tweeter 13a; and

providing a detachable permeable tweeter housing 13b disposed around the tweeter 13a. The present method M may further comprise providing a binding post 60 disposed at a rear surface of the tower 10 for both electronically and mechanically binding the tower 10 to the positioning structure 30; and may further comprise providing a structure for indicating a sonic intensity 70, wherein the sonic intensity indicating structure 70 may comprise providing a light pipe 71, in accordance with the present invention. The method M may further comprise disposing the light pipe 71 on a rear side of the tower 10 for producing an aura visual effect when viewed from a front side.

[0032] In the method M, the surround sound tower 10 providing step may also comprise providing a grill cloth 80 disposed over the center channel speaker 11, providing a side trim 90 disposed on tower 10, providing a top cap 100 disposed at a top end of the tower 10, and providing a bottom cap 110 disposed on the pointer plate 41. The tweeter module 13 providing step, the grill cloth 80 providing step, and the side trim 90 providing step may each comprise providing each respective element being detachable. Each of the providing steps for the foregoing elements in the present invention may comprise providing at least one material selected from a group consisting essentially of a polymer, a wood, a metal, an anodized metal, an alloy, and a composite material. Preferably, the base plate 20 providing step comprises providing a material sufficiently heavy, such as a heavy polymer, a heavy wood (e.g., oak, mahogany, maple), a heavy yet non-toxic metal (e.g., cast or forged iron, cast or forged aluminum), a heavy yet non-toxic anodized metal (e.g., aluminum), a heavy yet non-toxic alloy (e.g., steel, cast steel, forged steel), and a heavy composite material, to support the surround sound tower 10. The light pipe 71 providing step may also comprise at least one material selected from a group consisting essentially of Plexiglass®, Lexan®, optic fibers, a fluorescent light source, an incandescent light source, a phosphorescent light source. The plurality of ball bearings 51 (not shown) providing step may also comprise providing a lubricant. The visible marking 42 providing step may comprise providing a colored line and/or a dial on the pointer plate 41 being collinear with the user-adjusted angular position indicated on the base plate 20 or providing a tapered slot disposed in the pointer plate 41 being locked by, and unlocked from, a detent provided and disposed on the base plate 20.

[0033] In the method M, the woofer module 12 providing step may further comprise providing at least one glide structure 72, in accordance with the present invention. The glide structure ~~71~~ 72 providing step may comprise providing a smooth material such as Teflon® or any fluorinated polymer. The tower 10 providing step may comprise providing a grill cloth 80, an amplifier 12c, and fastener 12d, and may further comprise providing a port tube 12e and a port tube adapter 12f.